THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The letter contains a demand to intervene in the matter against the alleged victimisation of employees of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration after the Union had organised a peaceful hunger strike in support of their demands. A copy of the letter has been forwarded to the Lt. Governor Andaman and Nicobar Islands for appropriate action.

Meeting of delegation of M.Ps. from West Bengal with Lt. Governor, Delhi

2928. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of Members of Parliament from West Bengal met the Lieutenant Governor, Delhi on the 16th July, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details of the request made by the said delegation; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Lieutenant Governor in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The delegation of Members of Parliament requested cancellation of orders withdrawing exemption from payment of Entertainment Tax which was granted in favour of the Paschim Banga Banayatran Committee in respect of the programme organised by it in April 1979 for raising funds for the flood victims of West Bengal. The delegation also requested for the cancellation of recovery certificate of Rs. 1. lakh issued against the Committee.

(c) The matter has not been decided finally by the Delhi Administration so far.

Income-tax raids on foreign companies in the country

2929. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of income-tax raids conducted by the Income Tax Department on the foreign companies during 1988; and

(b) what are the names of the companies and the amount of tax evasion detected in Delhi and other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) There was only one case of search in a foreign company in 1988. The name of the company is M/s. GEC Turbine General India (P) Ltd. It was found that the said Company was not properly deducting tax at source on the salaries paid to its employees as it was not disclosing full facts of their employment. The Assessing Officer has taken up the case for further investigation and also for determining the extent of tax evasion

Inclusion of Gorkha Bhasha in the Eight Schedule of the Constitution

2930. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recent received any representation for the i clusion of Gorkha Bhasha in the Eigh Schedule of the Constitution of India; a

(b) if so, what are the details there and the reaction of Government theret

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBL GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AN THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SH P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Govt. is of the view that the closion of more languages in the Eigl